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Report

Managers of the Mayer Trust,

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Public Library,

and other institutions
of the Trust.

April 1, 1906, to March 31, 1907.

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THE MAYER TRUST, BEBINGTON.

R E P O R T

OF THE

MANAGERS OF THE MAYER TRUST,

ON THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF THE TRUST,

From April 1st, 1906, to March 31st, 1907.

MANAGERS,

1907-8.

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(f) **C. S. Pain**

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Librarian and Secretary—JOHN HARDING.

(a) Life Member.

(b) Ex-officio member (Churchwarden).

(c) Ex-officio member (Chairman of U. D. Council).

(d) Representing U. D. Council.

(e) Representing Ratepayers.

(f) Co-optative member for 5 years from July 28,
1905.

REPORT, 1906—7.

In presenting their 8th Annual Report, the Managers have to congratulate all concerned upon the satisfactory working of each department of the Trust.

The Library continues to be well patronised; the demand running here as elsewhere chiefly upon fiction.

The Managers would like to see a little more attention paid to solid reading, as in their opinion instruction should be considered as the primary object in connection with such institutions.

The Lectures may almost be said to have taken first place in this respect, and the way in which they are attended and appreciated is most gratifying.

The Park and Gardens are still much visited and their attractive appearance at all seasons well repays the care and attention bestowed upon them by the Curator and his assistants.

R. L. WILSON,

Chairman.

Mayer Free Library,

Bebington, May 1907.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

On page 10 will be found certain statistical information shewing the use made of the Library during the year ended March 31st, 1907, and the preceding twelve months, from which it will be seen that there has been an increase in both the number of readers and of the volumes issued for home reading during last year, as compared with the preceding one.

The Librarian also reports a satisfactory increase in the use of the Institution for purposes of reference.

The Managers wish to take this opportunity to convey their thanks to past donors of books, and to remind residents of the district, and others, that gifts of books, etc. greatly assist the work of the Trust, and are therefore much esteemed.

MAYER HALL.

The use of the Mayer Hall for Meetings, etc. continues to be about the average of past years. The gross income for the past year, inclusive of piano hire and use of plants for decoration of rooms, amounted to £49 19s. od., practically the same amount as that of the preceding year.

FREE PUBLIC LECTURES.

The Managers have again to record the unqualified success of the Free Public Lectures, of which the last series was the seventh. Each Session has witnessed an increased public interest in the lectures, and thanks to several lecturers who have now come to be looked upon as old friends, and also to the kind help of several lecturers new to the district, in coming forward to their assistance the Managers were able to provide a course fully equal in merit to those of previous Sessions.

The Managers take this opportunity to express their thanks to the several lecturers whose names appear in list of last Session's lectures and also to the various gentlemen who each kindly undertook to preside at a lecture.

Offers of assistance in the provision of Lectures for the ensuing Session (commencing October, 1907) will be greatly esteemed by the Managers.

LECTURES, 1906—1907.

1906.

Oct. 11—Dr. W. Murray Cairns, "Japan and the Japanese."

Chairman—R. L. Wilson, Esq.

Oct. 25—F. W. Saxby, Esq., "In Crystal Wonderland."

Chairman—J. F. Stark, Esq.

Nov. 8—J. Butler Fortay, Esq., "Rossini and Italian Music" (with musical illustrations).

Chairman—H. R. Rodger, Esq.

Nov. 22—Miss Cann, "Homes of the Heroes of Westward Ho."

Chairman—J. Armstrong, Esq.

Dec. 6—Dr. J. W. Ellis, "Derbyshire Days: wanderings among the dales and tors of the High Peak."

Chairman—F. A. Schierwater, Esq.

Dec. 20—H. G. Williams, Esq., B.Eng., "Experiences along the West African Coast."

Chairman—R. L. Wilson, Esq.

1907.

Jan. 17—Rev. R. B. De Wolf, M.A., "A Cruise
in the Western Fjords of Norway."

Chairman—Rev. J. R. Foster.

Jan. 31—W. R. Yardley, Esq., L.C.P., "Nelson
and his daring deeds."

Chairman—T. Sproat Esq.

Feb. 14—R. S. Archer, Esq., F.R.S.S.A., "From
the Mersey to the Bristol Channel (the
Wye valley, etc)."

Chairman—Rev. Canon Feilden.

Feb. 28—J. Cheshire, Esq., "Life and Works
of Haydn" (with musical illustrations).

Chairman—J. Armstrong, Esq.

March 14—H. Whalley, Esq., "Reminiscences
of a holiday in Spain."

Chairman—J. C. Bromfield, Esq.

March 21—E. W. Edwards, Esq., "The Pearl
Fisheries of Ceylon."

Chairman—R. L. Wilson Esq.

THE MAYER PARK AND PENNANT HOUSE GARDENS.

The limited funds at the disposal of the Managers do not permit of any extensive work in the way of improvements being made in the grounds, but the Managers do all in their power to maintain the grounds as a pleasant retreat for the residents of, and visitors to. the district, in accordance with the expressed wishes of the founder, as outlined in the Trust Deed.

Much success again attended the annual exhibition of Chrysanthemums in one of the glass houses, the same being visited, especially on Sundays, by a very considerable number of residents of the district, who greatly appreciated the quality of the exhibition.



LIBRARY STATISTICS.

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NUMBER OF READERS.

1905-1906.	Renewals	...	...	...	...	...	516
„	New Readers	...	...	...	...	...	130
						Total	646
1906-1907.	Renewals	...	...	...	...	...	544
„	New Readers	...	...	...	...	...	186
						Total	730

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED.

1905-1906.	Lending Department	...	...	14241
1906-1907.	Lending Department	...	...	14531

NOTE.—Issues quoted above are of books lent for home reading, and do not include books consulted at the Library.

NUMBER OF BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY.

1906-1907.	Purchased	...	...	...	...	95
„	Presented	...	...	...	...	8
					Total	103

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MEMORANDA OF GENERAL DATA.

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28th, 1905.

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15th, 1908.

REPORT 1908-9.

The Managers of the Mayer Trust have pleasure in submitting their Tenth Annual Report upon the working of the Trust.

No portion of the work of the year ended March 31st, 1909, calls for any special remark, but the Managers believe that as far as the funds at their disposal will admit they are continuing to carry out the wishes and intentions of the Founder in regard to the several Institutions of the Trust.

G. F. BIRD,
Chairman.

Mayer Free Library,
Bebington, June, 1909.



FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The work of the Library during the past year calls for no comment, except that from the Statistics given on page 11 it will be noticed that although the number of readers using the Library shows a small increase, the issues have slightly decreased.

In the opinion of the Librarian this decrease is accounted for by the prevalence in the district during a portion of the year of cases of sickness of an infectious character, resulting in many readers, for fear of possible contagion, ceasing to use the Library for varying periods.

Possibly it may not be known to many users of the Library that when a case of sickness of an infectious character occurs in any house in the township all books belonging to any Public Library have to be handed over to the Sanitary Authority to be disinfected or destroyed, and that such books may not be returned by the borrowers to the Library.

Fifteen volumes belonging to this Institution were so handed over during the past year, and they were in all cases destroyed, so that the chance of infection being carried by Library books is rendered remote.

MAYER HALL AND GALLERY.

The Lecture Hall and other rooms continue to be used for about the usual number of meetings, etc., but owing to various causes the amount received for lettings during the year shows a slight decrease. The gross receipts being £60 7s. 6d., as against £73 11s. 0d. the preceding year.

No work of any importance was undertaken in the Hall during the past year, but the Managers are now considering the question of the much-needed re-decoration of the various rooms with a view to the work being carried out before the winter session of 1909-10.

FREE PUBLIC LECTURES.

The popularity of the Free Lectures continues unabated, each of the twelve lectures given last Session having drawn large audiences of attentive listeners, while the whole series passed off without hitch of any kind.

Appended will be found a list of Lectures and Lecturers, and to the latter the Managers tender their thanks for much valuable help given, in some cases without fee, and in many for a merely nominal honorarium.

The Managers desire also to tender their thanks to the several gentlemen who kindly undertook, sometimes at very short notice, to preside at lectures.

Offers of assistance in the provision of lectures, particularly those of an educational character, during the ensuing Session, commencing October 7th, 1909, will be greatly esteemed by the Managers, and should be made to the Secretary at as early a date as may be convenient.

LECTURES, 1908—1909.

1908.

Oct. 8th—J. Butler Fortay, Esq., "Franz Schubert, the Prince of Song Writers" (with selections from his works).

,, 22nd—Fred W. Saxby, Esq., "Marvels of Insect Life."

Nov. 5th—W. R. Yardley, Esq., L.C.P., "Scott and his Heroines."

,, 19th—Harold E. Young, Esq., "A Wayfarer in Rural Japan."

Dec. 3rd—Adolph W. Beer, Esq., "From Plymouth Hoe to Lizard Lights."

,, 17th—Richard Beynon, Esq., "The Blue Riband of the Atlantic."

1909.

Jan. 14th—Rev. R. B. De Wolf, M.A., "The cliffs and glens of Antrim, and the Giants Causeway."

,, 28th—Chas. W. Budden, M.D., "On the pictorial interpretation of music" (with pianoforte and lantern illustrations).

Feb. 11th—John W. Ellis, M.B., F.E.S., "The River Mersey from the moors to the sea."

,, 25—F. B. Heatherley, M.B., F.R.C.S.,
“ Birds I have met.”

Mar. 11th—E. Rimbault Dibdin, Esq., “Black
and White Art.”

,, 25th—Richard F. Soper, Esq., “Lordly
Ludlow.”



THE MAYER PARK AND PENNANT HOUSE GARDENS.

A large amount of extra work, involving considerable expenditure, was carried out in the Park during the winter of 1908-9, principally consisting of the cutting down of alternate trees in the older portion of the Dickens Avenue, so as to allow room for the remainder to grow, and also to give light and air to the adjacent shrubberies which were also re-planted, and all the walks in the Upper Park were given a dressing of chippings.

In addition, with a view to providing more open space in the Lower Park, and permitting of a better supervision being exercised over it, a number of detached shrubberies have been done away with, and the shrubbery borders extensively pruned, while in the Pennant House grounds a considerable amount of drainage of walks has been carried out.

LIBRARY STATISTICS.

NUMBER OF READERS.

1908-1909	Renewals	686
„	New Readers	139
	Total	825
1907-1908	Renewals	618
„	New Readers	150
	Total	768

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED.

1908-1909	Lending Department	15466
1907-1908	Lending Department	16955

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VOLUMES ADDED TO THE LIBRARY.

New Works—Purchased	88
„ Presented	17
Replacements—Purchased	25
Presented	1

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